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**CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS ON 17 MILES OF NH ROUTE 16**  
**FROM EXIT 16 IN ROCHESTER TO NH ROUTE 109 IN WAKEFIELD**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces work is scheduled to begin Wednesday, November 17 on the grinding of centerline rumble strips on 17 miles of NH Route 16 in Rochester, Milton and Wakefield.

Rumble strips are parallel indentations on a paved highway intended to alert inattentive drivers through vibration and sound that their vehicles have left the travel lane. They are primarily used on highway shoulders to try to decrease run-off-the-road crashes.

Rumble strips 12-inches wide will be placed on both sides of the solid double yellow lines in "no passing zones" and 16-inch wide strips will be centered in "passing zones" on NH 16 between Exit 16 in Rochester and NH Route 109 in Wakefield. Installation work will begin on November 17 at Exit 16 and proceed north. This work is expected to take up to three days to complete. Two-way traffic will be maintained during the rumble strip grinding operations. Traffic proceeding through the moving work zone will be shifted onto the shoulder. Appropriate traffic markings will be repainted to increase visibility.

"We've had some experience with centerline rumble strips on Route 101 in Milford and Route 111 in Hudson, but this is the first time we've utilized double rumble strips on the centerline of a highway in an effort to improve driving safety conditions," says NHDOT Commissioner Carol Murray.

"We've been working with State Police, and local police and fire chiefs to address concerns about this 17-mile stretch of Route 16. This is a pilot test that we will monitor and seek feedback on its effectiveness. While we're hoping the rumble strips will result in improved highway safety, we continue to urge motorists traveling on Route 16 and elsewhere to drive safely at all times when you're behind the wheel of your vehicle," Commissioner Murray says.

Surface Preparations Technologies, Inc. of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania is the contractor for the \$25,000 project.